

SERVICES IN KINGS CANYON PARK & USFS AREA

Grant Grove Area

GRANT GROVE VILLAGE

6600' (2008 m) elevation. This was originally General Grant National Park, created in 1890 to protect sequoias from logging. Here you can see both a pristine grove & one that was logged in the 1800s. In addition to picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), the village offers:

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 8am-6pm through 9/4, then 8am-5pm. Exhibits & a 15-minute slide show on this area's natural & human history, books, maps, first aid. Local wilderness permits issued 8am-5pm only. 559-565-4307.

FOOD & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Daily 7am-2pm; 5-9pm through 9/4, then 8am-2pm & 5-7pm Sunday-Thursday (Friday-Saturday until 8pm) through 10/22. Espresso coffee available inside lobby.
- **Gift Shop:** Daily 8am-9pm through 9/4, then 9am-7pm (Friday-Saturday until 8pm). Souvenirs, film, clothing. ATM in lobby.
- **Market:** Daily 8am-9pm through 9/4. Starting 9/5 9am-7pm (Friday & Saturday until 8pm). Supplies, bear canisters, emergency gasoline.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping & Lodging:** See page 10-11 for details.
- **Showers (KCPS):** Daily 11am-4pm through 9/4, then closed.
- **Post Office:** Hours may vary. Weekdays 9am-4pm, Saturday 9-11:30am. Lobby & stamp machine 24 hours. Address visitor mail: c/o General Delivery, Kings Canyon NP, CA 93633. 1-559-335-2499.

Cedar Grove Area

CEDAR GROVE VILLAGE

4600' (1410 m) elevation. This glaciated valley features towering granite cliffs, tumbling waterfalls, and the powerful Kings River — "a rival to the Yosemite," according to John Muir. In summer the area offers picnicking and horseback riding (see page 3), as well as:

INFORMATION

- **Visitor Center (NPS):** Daily 9am-5pm through 9/5 then closed for the season. Books, maps, first aid. 559-565-3793.
- **Wilderness Permits (NPS):** At Road's End, 6 miles (9.6 km) east of the village. Permits issued daily 7am-3:30pm through 9/25.
- **Camping (NPS):** Details on page 11.

FOOD, LODGING & SHOPS (KCPS)

- **Restaurant:** Counter-service meals & snack bar (not a full-service restaurant). Daily 7am-2pm & 5-9pm through 9/4. Starting 9/5 weekends 8am-2pm & 5-7pm; weekdays 8-10:30am & 5-7pm (lunch supplies available at market). Closed for winter starting 10/16.
- **Gift Shop & Market:** Salads, sandwiches, supplies, bear canisters, souvenirs, film. Daily 7am-9pm through 9/4, then 8am-7pm through 10/15 then closed for winter.
- **Lodging:** See page 10 for details.
- **Showers & Laundry:** Daily 7am-7pm through 9/4, then 8am-6pm (shower closed 1-3pm for cleaning). Last day open 10/15. Get shower key at market. Last laundry load in by 1 hour before closing.

IN GRANT GROVE These free programs are offered through Sunday, September 4. Some will continue later into September. Check visitor centers and bulletin boards for schedules and details:

- **Daily 2pm - Grant Tree Walk:** Stroll this paved trail beneath the giant trees. Meet at Grant Tree parking lot. 1 hour, 1/3 mile.
- **Daily 3:30pm - Ranger's Choice:** Let us introduce you to some of the area's special features in a talk or easy walk. Check bulletin boards for topics. 1 hour.
- **Nightly - Evening Campfire:** Spend time under the stars learning about the parks. Meet at Sunset campground amphitheater. Check bulletin boards for times.

IN CEDAR GROVE Some free programs may continue into September. Check locally for times, locations, and topics!

USFS: National Forest & Monument

HUME LAKE & BIG MEADOWS AREAS (FS)

Giant Sequoia National Monument, part of Sequoia National Forest, borders much of the western edge of these National Parks. You are in National Forest when you drive between the park areas of Lodgepole and Grant Grove, and between Grant Grove and Cedar Grove (see page 2 for more on Parks and Forests). Sold to the government as a Forest Reserve in 1935, it is an excellent place to see recovery from the intensive sequoia logging of the late 1800s. Snowy in winter, in summer it offers picnicking & horseback riding (see page 3) as well as:

INFORMATION

- **USFS Hume Lake District Office (FS):** 35860 Kings Canyon Road (Hwy 180) in Dunlap, 19 miles (31 km) west of Kings Canyon Park entrance at Big Stump. Monday-Saturday 8am-4:30pm through 9/5 then weekdays only. Maps, books. 1-559-338-2251; www.fs.fed.us/r5/sequoia.

OTHER SERVICES

- **Camping (FS) & Lodging (private):** See pages 10 & 11 for details.
- **Historic Guard Station at Big Meadows:** (FS) See page 10.
- **Boyden Cavern:** On Hwy 180 between Grant Grove & Cedar Grove. Cave tours on the hour 10am-5pm; holiday weekends (Saturday-Monday) 9am-6pm. \$10 ages 14 & up; \$9 62 & over; \$5 ages 3-13; under 3 free. AAA discounts. 1-209-736-2708.
- **Stony Creek Village (FS):** Lodging, market, showers. Market 7am-8pm (9pm Friday-Saturday); restaurant Tuesday-Sunday 11:30am-2pm & 5-8pm (9pm Friday-Saturday); closed Monday. Showers 8am-7pm. Reduced hours starting 9/5. 1-866-KCANYON or 1-559-565-3909.
- **Montecito-Sequoia Resort:** (FS): A permitted resort on public land open year-round. On Generals Highway, 9 miles (14.5km) south of Grant Grove. Breakfast 7:30-9am, lunch 12-1:30pm, dinner 6-7:30pm (hospitality/sandwich bar until 10pm). Cabins, hotel, children's activities. 1-800-843-8677 or 559-565-3388.
- **Boat & Bicycle Rentals, Swimming, Fishing:** Private facilities open to public at Hume Lake, 8 miles (13 km) north of Grant Grove on Hwy 180 then 3 miles (5 km) south on Hume Lake Road. Laundry (coin operated 24-hour) & gas station (24 hours with credit card). General Store: weekdays 8am-10:30pm, Saturday 7am-7pm, Sundays 8-10:30am & 12:30-10:30pm. Reduced hours starting 9/5. Snack bar hours vary, usually 11am-11pm daily. 559-335-2000.

GASOLINE SALES

Year-round, 24 hours/day with credit card at **Hume Lake** (or General Store hours - see *Boat & Bicycle Rentals* above). Into the fall at **Stony Creek Village** (or market hours - see *Stony Creek Village* above) and **Kings Canyon Lodge** (usually 9am-dark; call to confirm availability). See Mountain Driving, page 11, for more details.

RANGER PROGRAMS

